

Amendments to the Drawings

The Applicants have submitted 14 replacement sheets for the drawings. The originally-submitted drawings were substantially informal, so the Applicants are submitting formal drawings. There were no amendments to the drawings.

Remarks

Claims 1-19 are pending. Claims 1-8, 12-13, and 17-19 are rejected. Claims 9-11 and 14-16 are objected to. Claims 1 and 10-11 are amended. Claims 9 and 19 have been cancelled. Claims 21-23 have been added and do not constitute new matter.

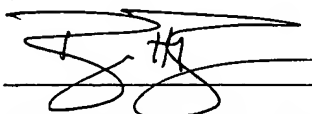
In the Office action dated 4-27-05, the Examiner noted that claims 9-11 and claims 14-16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. The Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 9, and submit that claim 1 is allowable. The Applicants have also added claims 21-23. Claim 21 includes the limitations of original claim 1 and the limitations of original claim 14 and its intervening claim 13. Because claims 21-23 include limitations of previously examined claims, the Applicants submit that they do not constitute new matter. The Applicants also submit that claim 21 is allowable because the claim includes limitations of original claim 14 and any intervening claims for which the Examiner stated was allowable.

The Applicants believe that no fees are due in this matter because the total number of independent claims still pending is 2 and the total number of claims still pending is 20.

The Applicants ask the Examiner to allow claims 1-8, 10-18, and 21-23.

Respectfully submitted,

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